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Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

- 1. (Original) Composition comprising an ester of a polyol and a mixture of fatty acids, wherein at least a part (I) of the esterified fatty acids has a chain length of 5-12 carbon atoms and another part (II) of the esterified fatty acids has a chain length of 16-22 carbon atoms, and wherein the composition has a viscosity of 7000 mm²/s or less, when tested according to ASTM (D2531).
- 2. (Original) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the composition has a viscosity of 5000 mm²/s or less, when tested according to ASTM (D2531).
- 3. (Currently amended) Composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the ratio of esterified short chain fatty acid (I):long chain fatty acid (II) is between 2:1 and 1:20 by weight.
- 4. (Original) Composition according to claim 3, characterized in that the ratio (I)⊗II) is between 1:1 and 1:10 by weight.
- 5. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-4, characterized in that the composition is substantially free of an emulsifier.
- 6. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-5, characterized in that it further comprises an anti-oxidant.
- 7. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-6, characterized in that it further comprises a viscosity index (VI) improver.

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- 8. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-7, characterized in that it further comprises an anti-wear compound.
- 9. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-8, characterized in that it further comprises an anti-foam compound.
- 10. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-9, characterized in that it comprises substantially no pourpoint depressant.
- 11. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-10, characterized in that the polyol is selected from the group consisting of TMP, PE, NPG, di-TMP, tri-TMP, di-PE, <u>and</u> tri-PE.
- 12. (Original) Composition according to claim 11, characterized in that the polyol comprises TMP.
- 13. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1–12, characterized in that the short chain fatty acids comprise branched or straight chain C8 or C10 fatty acids, or mixtures threof.
- 14. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-13, characterized in that the long chain fatty acids comprise oleic acid or isostearic acid.
- 15. (Currently amended) Composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-14, characterized in that the fatty acid ester is present in an amount of at least 75% by weight, based on the total composition.
- 16. (Currently amended) Use of the compositions according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1–15 in the manufacture of hydraulic fluids.

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17. (Currently amended) Use of the compositions according to <u>claim 1</u> any of claims 1-15 in hydraulic equipment.

- 18. (Original) Use according to claim 17, characterized in that the hydraulic equipment is part of a mobile system.
- 19. (Original) Method for the manufacture of hydraulic fluids, comprising the esterification of a polyol with a mixture of fatty acids, characterized in that at least a part of the fatty acids has a short chain length (5-12 carbon atoms) and another part of the fatty acids has a long chain length (16-22 carbon atoms), and optionally mixing the resulting mixed ester with other components.